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GDP GROWTH
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Statistical Organisation has estimated declinein the gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas in which the decline is likely to occur; and

(d) the main reasons of this decline, Sector-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a), (b) & (c): As per the Advance Estimates of National Income releasedby the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) on February 7, 2003, the growth in real GDP in the current year is estimated at 4.4 per cent for as comparedwith the growth rate of 5.6 per cent in 2001-02.

The advance estimates for 2002-03 indicate growth in agriculture and allied sectors to decline by 3.1 per cent compared with a growth of 5.7 per cent in 2001-02. The growth of trade, hotels, transport and communications sector is estimated at a lower rate of 7.8 per cent in 2002-03 as compared with 8.7 per cent in 2001-02. Based on past trends, GDP from mining,manufacturing and electricity during 2002-03 is estimated to grow at 4.8 per cent, 6.1 per cent and 5.2 per cent respectively. Construction sector is estimated to grow at 7.1 per cent during 2002-03. The financing, insurance, real estate and business services sector is estimated to grow at 6.5 per cent in 2002-03.

(d): The estimated decline in the growth of real GDP in the current yearis mainly on account of negative growth of 3.1 per cent in the agriculture and allied sector due to drought in several parts of the country.